

# Delaware Public Archives to Feature “Behind the Scenes” Tour for Dover Days

(Dover, DE) If you were born, married, or attended public school in Delaware, eventually the Delaware Public Archives (DPA) will receive the information that documents these important events. On Saturday, May 7, 1:30 p.m. the staff of the Archives will conduct a tour of this remarkable facility.

This annual “behind the scenes” tour of the building, presented by Tom Summers, Manager of Outreach Services, offers the public a rare opportunity to learn more about the role of DPA, and see how the Archives protects the records that are important to every Delawarean. Archives Director Stephen M. Marz notes that “the Archives serves as the official government repository for state, county and local government records. With more than 10.4 million documents and over one million photographs preserved within its vaults, DPA is well known as a valuable resource for researchers, genealogists, and historians.”

This event is free to the public and no reservations are required. The Delaware Public Archives is located at 121 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard North in Dover. The Mabel Lloyd Ridgely Research Room is open to the public Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. On the second Saturday of every month the research room is open from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

*Delaware Public Archives (DPA, [archives.delaware.gov](http://archives.delaware.gov)), an agency of the State of Delaware, is one of the oldest public archives programs in the United States. DPA serves the citizens of Delaware by identifying, collecting, and preserving public records of enduring historical and evidential value; ensuring access to public records for present and future*

*generations; and advising and educating interested parties in the creation, management, use, and preservation of public records.*